

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, December 29, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 29, 2015, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 23, 2015. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Nuss presided with roll call showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Minutes of the meeting held December 22, 2015 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 22, 2015 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Fintel and Nuss; abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on the progress of a box culvert. They are building barricades so that each shop has a full set; servicing equipment, cutting trees and working in the shops. Tom reported that they did move snow on Christmas Eve on all roads.

The road work report was presented.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to approve the Highway Superintendent's road work report for the month of December 2015. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Tom presented a claim for the motor grader that was delivered the end of November.

Because there is not enough funds available to cover the claim, money needs to be transferred.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Anderson to adopt Resolution #15-18 to transfer \$163,500.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Road Fund as a loan to be paid back if/when funds are available. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 15-18

The Clay County Board of Supervisors find that it is necessary for the proper operation of Clay County government that certain funds be transferred in order that they be available for payment.

Whereby it is hereby resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that \$163,500.00 be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Road Fund; to be paid back if/when funds are available.

Adopted this 29th day of December 2015

ATTEST: Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman Clay County Board of Supervisors

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the claim to Murphy Tractor and Equipment Co. in the amount of \$163,500.00 for a 2016 JD Motor Grader. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.



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Bill Boyer, Murphy Tractor, was present for the discussion of the motor grader. The state bid would be for the same motor grader as the two previously purchased; price, warranty, etc. Tom was satisfied with the trade in value of \$70,000.00 for the 2006 Caterpillar 140H and recommended going with the state bid. After discussion, the board decided to go with the state bid. Cash price of \$227,000.00 less the trade in for a total of \$157,000.00

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to purchase a 2016 John Deere 770G Motor Grader from Murphy Tractor at the State Bid minus trade in of \$157,000.00 and authorize the Highway Supt. to sign the paperwork necessary to complete the transaction. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Since funds are available, it was decided to transfer the money back that was borrowed from the Inheritance Tax Fund for the Bond Fund.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #15-19 to transfer \$500,000.00 from the Road Improvement Bond Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund that was to be paid back when funds were available. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 15-19

The Clay County Board of Supervisors found that it was necessary for the proper operation of Clay County government that certain funds be transferred in order that they be available for Road projects.

Whereas Clay County Board of Supervisors resolved that \$500,000.00 be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Road Improvement Bond Fund as a loan to be paid back when funds are available.

Whereas there is now sufficient funds in the Road Improvement Bond Fund to pay this loan back.

Therefore be it resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that \$500,000.00 be transferred from the Road Improvement Bond Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund to pay back the loan received per Resolution #14-06 dated December 31, 2013.

Adopted this 29th day of December 2015.

Attest: Deb Karnatz, County Clerk Todd Nuss, Chairman of the Board

Mike Carroll, Custodian reported that the ceilings had been patched upstairs and the walls in the Assessor's storage area are being worked on. The Clerk of the District Court would like a sound barrier around the equipment in her office. The board said to have her call Lincoln to see if there is any criteria about enclosing their equipment. Mike reported that he was putting a new exhaust on the pickup and would try to find the anti-freeze leak. The board asked him to contact the company that is going to do the radon mitigation to see if they would be able to work on the holiday in January when the courthouse is closed.

Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent distributed copies of the County Noxious Weed Program Evaluation and discussed it with the board. He received a perfect score on the evaluation again this year. Bruce reported that he had completed fall training and has all of his continuing education hours completed for the year. The RC&D is working on a grant for tire recycling; hopefully to take place in the spring of next year. The Twin Valley Weed Association is preparing a grant application for river projects on the Republican and Little Blue Rivers. He has also been doing equipment maintenance.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff did not meet with the board.



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The Clerk discussed an employee who has resigned and wishes to remain on the Vision Plan through Cobra. As long as payment for the premium is received by the claims deadline, the employee can be kept on the plan up to 18 months. The Clerk recommended waiving the administration fee as it is very minimal; the board agreed.

Pam Maynard, Vice Chairman and Dennis Valentine, Chairman of the Clay County Tourism Committee told the board that they had met, reviewed the requests and came up with recommendations for amounts that they feel are justifiable for the requests. There is \$6,180.45 available for the Improvement Fund and \$6,534.95 for the Promotion Fund. The requests for the Improvement Fund total \$2,300.00 and for the Promotion Fund \$2,300.00. Because the committee meets once a year, these are the requests for the upcoming year. The individual requests were discussed.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to approve the Clay County Tourism Committee's recommendations concerning the request for funding for Improvements and Promotion for the 2016 requests. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Anderson to adjourn this meeting at 10:42 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for January 12, 2016. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman